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Canton, 28th August, 1844.


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Hongkong, November 21st, 1844.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

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LINDSAY & Co.


FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

 THE A. I. Barque EAGLE, 438 Tons Register, captain Rapson. Apply to
BELL & Co.
Victoria, 27th November, 1844.


 CAPTAINS and AGENTS of Ships are respectfully informed that Two Boats have been fitted with Tanks (containing each thirty Tons) and Patent Force Pumps, Hose &c. for the delivery of Water to the Shipping in Harbour. Apply on board or at the Godowns of
N. DUUS.

Where Marine Stores of every description can be obtained at the lowest price. Baltic Spars Topmasts and Topsail Yards. Singapore Spars for Lower Masts &c. &c. Victoria, November 9th 1844.

NOTICE.


 THE Dutch ship VASCO DE GAMA, being condemned at Macao, as unseaworthy and to be Sold by Public Auction within a short time. Her crew consisting of European Sailors, prefer shipping as seamen on board of any vessel going along the coast of China or going to Europe, to be sent home as passengers. The undersigned begs to draw the attention of Masters of ships in want of European Seamen, to apply to him, for any of the crew they may wish to ship, either Carpenter, Sailmaker or seamen of the above mentioned ship.
M. J. SENN VAN BASEL.
Macao, 18th November, 1844.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE CONTRACT.


 THE Schooner Ormen formerly ROSA. She was built at Medford in the U. N. States of America in the year 1836 of the best live and white Oak, is coppered and copper fastened up to the wales has a complete suit of Sails principally new, has carried 3,000 piculs of Rice from Java to this port sails remarkably fast drawing only 6 feet in ballast, 9 feet lead.

This vessel upon inspection and by written Surveys will be found perfectly sound and good, and will be sold at a very low price for further particulars. Apply to **N. DUUS**, 18 Queen's Road, or to **W. H. FRANKLYN**, Chinam's hong.

TO LET.

 THE commodious Bungalow at present occupied by Framjee Jamssetjee Esq.—The situation is healthy; the house is in a perfect state of repair; having a large compound, and has a fine view of the harbour and shipping.
Apply on the premises.
Victoria, 22nd October, 1844.

TO LET.

 Bungalow, Apply to,
RICHARD OSWALD.
Victoria, 7th August, 1844.

FOR SALE.—A Lithographic Press complete, Theodlight, a couple of Azimuth and Steering Compasses, Quadrants, Spy Glasses, and other Nautical Instruments, Two patent Water Closets for Upper and Lower Stores, apply to
N. DUUS.
Victoria, Aug. 13th, 1844. 18 Queen's Road.

NOTICE.—The undersigned is authorized by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of H. Majesty's Land Forces in China, to receive all packages addressed to the Officers or Messes of any of the Regiments employed during the late war.
N. DUUS.
Hongkong, 15th April, 1843

NOTICE.—Goods and merchandize of all descriptions received and carefully stored in spacious airy and secure Brick Godowns Insured from fire can be sold upon Commission or forwarded to Canton and Macao by Insurable Lorchas.
apply to
N. DUUS.
Victoria, October 5th, 1843.

FOR SALE.
A SUPERIOR six Octave Piano, by Broadwood and a select assortment of new and fashionable Music. To be viewed at
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Victoria, 4th October, 1844.

JUST arrived and For Sale at N. DUUS Queen's Road.

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| 100 Hhds Pilot Bread | per lb. | 06 |
| 100 Barrels Navy do. | " | 05 |
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| 100 Do. Malaga Raisins | " Box. | 1 5 |
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Ladies and Gentlemen's Saddles, Fire Stoves for Offices &c. &c.
Victoria, Oct. 29th, 1844.

FOR SALE.
A few Bales of Tsatlee and Taysam Silk. Apply to
N. DUUS.
Victoria, 8th Nov., 1844

NOTICE.

AN English Lorch commanded by an European with partly European Crew will be dispatched every third Day for Canton.
N. B. Goods can be Insured from Total loss by this conveyance For freight or passage apply to
N. DUUS.

FOR SALE.—The under Wines just received from Alexander Black London.
Fine old Pale and Brown Sherry.
Fine old Port.
Champagne.
HUGHESDON, CALDER & Co.
Victoria, 8th April, 1844.

FOR SALE.—AT the Godowns of Messrs. Fox Rawson & Co., a quantity of Burton Ale in Hhds, from Worthington and Robinson, ex "John Bibby."
Hongkong, 27th March, 1844.

FOR SALE.

BILLS on London at 30, 60 and 90 days, and at 6 months sight, under letters of credit, for sums to suit purchasers.
Bills on the Bengal Government by the Hon. Court of Directors, accepted and payable on presentation. Apply to,
RUSSELL & Co., Canton.
or **WARREN DELANO JUN., Macao.**
October 2nd, 1844.

FOR SALE.—Pale and Brown Sherry
E. I. Madeira
Port
Hock (Graefenberg)
Claret
Champagne, and
Cognac Brandy.
Apply at the Godowns of
W. & T. GEMMELL & CO.
Victoria, 17th May, 1844.

FOR SALE.—From 16 to 32 oz. Sheathing
Copper, and Nails, Bolts, Rings, Butt Bolts and Spikes. Also, Canvas, from No. 1 to 6.
Apply at the Godowns of
W. & T. GEMMELL & CO.
Victoria, 17th May, 1844.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned have taken the portion of Chinam's Hong fronting the sea, next Mr. Duns's wharf, and will remove there, on the 1st proximo.
LATTEY & Co.
Chromometer Makers.
Victoria, 27th September, 1844.

ADVERTISEMENT.

THE Undersigned beg to notify that they have authorized Mr. JOHN LEFFLER, and Mr. CHARLES W. MURRAY, to sign for their firm by procurator in Hongkong and Macao.
MURROW & Co.
Canton, 1st June, 1844.

AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE OF CALCUTTA.
THE undersigned having been appointed Agents in China, are prepared to Grant Policies payable here, in London, Bombay and Calcutta.
MURROW & Co.
Canton & Macao, 10th July, 1844.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in China are prepared to grant Policies payable here, in London, Calcutta, Singapore, Madras, Colombo and Mauritius.
(signed) **MURROW & Co.**
Canton and Macao, 15th August, 1844.

NOTICE.

THE decease of Mr. WILLIAM A. LAWRENCE having caused a vacancy in our Firm we have associated Mr. SAMUEL B. RAWLE with us as a Partner.
Signed **WETMORE & Co.**
Canton, 1st October, 1844.

BILLS on Bengal at 30 and 40 days sight. For sale by
WETMORE & Co.
Canton, 10th October, 1844.

BILLS on London at 6 months sight. For sale by
WETMORE & Co.
Canton, 10th October, 1844.

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the Estate of the late Mr. WILLIAM A. LAWRENCE, or having claims against the said Estate, are hereby requested to send their accounts to the Subscribers for adjustment.
WETMORE & Co.
Canton, 23rd September, 1844.

IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in China for the above Company are prepared to accept Assurances in Hongkong.
1st. On Buildings of Brick or Stone, altogether detached from any other, covered with Tile, Slate, Metals or other incumbrable materials, together with their contents, except Cotton or other hazardous goods. Rate of Premium 2 per cent per annum.
2nd. On Buildings of the foregoing description when adjoining to others, in which no hazardous goods are housed. On such the premium will be 1 per cent per annum.
3rd. On Buildings of the latter description, but containing hazardous goods, premium 1 1/2 per cent per annum.
Of the first Class Assurance will be accepted to the extents of £ 10,000, on one risk.
Of the second & third Class, 5,000.
A Building and its contents taken together form one Risk, and the above mentioned amounts may be insured either on the building alone or the contents alone, or part on each.
No Assurance to be considered in force until the premium be paid.
The Undersigned are also authorized to grant policies on Buildings and their contents at Macao and Manila.
Parties applying for Insurance will be pleased to send in full particulars of the risk, any deviation from which without the consent of the Company will vitiate the policy.
MACVICAR & Co.
Agents in China.
Macao, 27 July, 1844.

FOR SALE BY MACLEAN DEARIE & Co.
Dass's E. I. Pale Ale in casks of 4 doz.,
B. Barclays Extra double Stout in do. of 4 doz.,
Beer and Porter in Butts and Hogsheads,
Bleached Canvas Nos. 1 a 7 and Sheathing
Copper 19 a 25 oz.
Oswald Hill, 30th November, 1844.

NOTICE.

MR R. R. CALVERT is authorized to Sign our Firm by procurator.
MACLEAN DEARIE & Co.
Victoria, 4th Nov., 1844.

FOR SALE.

BILLS on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. London at six months sight. Also large coast Sycee.
Apply to
AUGUSTIN HEARD & Co.
Canton, 1st November, 1844.

FOR SALE.

MADEIRA in Pipes from the house of Scott, Penfold & Co., Madeira.
Apply to
BELL & Co.
Victoria, 2nd October, 1844.

ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE CORPORATION OF LONDON.

ESTABLISHED BY ROYAL CHARTER, A.D., 1720.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agent in Hongkong for the said Corporation, is authorized to accept Assurances on Stores or Godowns and their contents, and also Private Dwelling Houses and their contents as follows, viz.:
1st—Built of Brick or Stone, and covered with Tiles, Slate, or Metal, when isolated.
RATE OF PREMIUM, 20s. PER CENT. PER ANNUM.
2nd—Built and covered as above, not isolated, but divided from the adjoining buildings by entire walls of Brick or Stone to and above the Roof.
RATE OF PREMIUM, 25s. PER CENT. PER ANNUM.
Assurances as above, for six months, three-fourths, and for three months, one-half of the annual rate of premium will be charged.
Of the First Class, Assurances to the extent of £5,000 only will be accepted on one risk; and of the Second Class, £5,000 only on one risk.
A building and its contents form one risk; thus the above sums may in either case be declared all on the Building or all on the contents; or part on the Building and part on the contents.
No Insurance is in force until the Premium is paid.

W. BELL,
Agent for Hongkong,
Victoria, Hongkong,
24th July, 1844.

ARCHITECTS are invited to offer designs, estimates and terms of superintendance for a Church. The building to be superintended by the Architect whose design is selected. Offers to be forwarded on or before November 9th, to **A. FLETCHER, Esq.**, on application to whom particulars may be obtained.

THE undersigned requests all parties, who may have in their possession registers and other papers of Dutch Vessels sold in this country since the year 1840, and not delivered at the time of Sale of the vessel to deliver the same to him.
M. J. SENN VAN BASEL.
Macao, 2d Nov., 1844. Netherl. Consul.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned hereby notify that they have this day commenced Business as Commission Merchants and General Agents in China, in connection with Messrs. Bates Willis & Co. of Liverpool.
FISCHER WILLIS & Co.
Victoria, Hongkong and Canton,
15th November, 1844.

NOTICE.

MR MANACKJEE NANABHOY has been admitted a Partner in our establishment from this date and our business in future will be carried on under the firm of **Pestonjee Framjee Cama & Co.**
PESTONJEE MERVANJEE & Co.
Canton, 11th November, 1844.

THE Undersigned beg leave to give notice, that on the 14th of last June they formed a Copartnership under the Firm of Wolcott, Bates & Co., for the transaction of a general Agency and Commission business, both at the Ports of Ningpo and Shanghai.
(Signed) **HENRY GRISWOLD WOLCOTT**
EDWARDS, WHIPPLE BATES,
JOHN HETHRINGTON.
Shanghai, Oct. 14th, 1844.

ADVERTISEMENT.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the business of the late Henry Pybus in China, (which has been temporarily carried on by John Mackey & Co.) will in future be conducted by the undersigned, who have associated themselves as Merchants and Agents, under the style of **Murrow & Co.**
DONALD C. MACKEY.
Y. J. MURROW.
Canton, 1st June, 1844.

NOTICE.

BILLS on Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co., London—Drawn by D. M. F. Thornton Esq., Parser of the U. S. Frigate, Brandywine at 60 days sight, and endorsed by Commodore Parker. For sale at Macao. Application to be made to
D. M. F. THORNTON,
or **W. P. PEIRCE.**
Macao, October 11th, 1844.

FOR SALE AT MACAO.

AT LOW PRICES
AMERICAN Mess. Beef, Flour, Cheese in tins, Raisins in half boxes packed in casks, Butter in small kegs. Just landed from ship Montauk from New York.
W. P. PEIRCE.
August 22nd, 1844.

EXCHANGE ON LONDON.

BILLS on Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co. London, at 60 days sight—against Letters of credit. For sale by
W. P. PEIRCE.
Macao, October 12th, 1844.

NOTICE.

THE SUPREME COURT will sit for the trial of causes under its Summary Jurisdiction on Monday the ninth day of December 1844, at ten o'clock A.M.

All Plaints must be entered in the Registrar's Office before three o'clock on Thursday the 5th of December.

By order of the Court. ROBERT DUNDAS CAY. Registrar.

Court House Victoria, 30th November, 1844.

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

With reference to the notice dated the 1st inst. it is hereby notified, that the rates of exchange for the ensuing month of December are fixed.

For Bills on India at Two Hundred and Twenty Rupees (220) for 100 Mexican Dollars; and for Bills on England, at Fifty pence Sterling (50) for One Mexican Dollar.

EDWARD PINE COFFIN, C. G. Victoria, November 30th, 1844.

BUILDINGS REQUIRED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

THE Respective Officers of the Ordnance Department, are still open to receive TENDERS from Merchants or others, for the hire of Buildings for Military purposes, both as regards QUARTERS FOR OFFICERS and STORAGE FOR PUBLIC STORES; and comprising Buildings which are now to let, or which may become available for occupation within a short period.

Office of Ordnance, 23rd October, 1844.

NOTICE.

New advertisements, will be received, until 4 O'Clock, on the evenings previous to publication, viz: Tuesdays and Fridays.

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE FROM 3RD NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER 1ST 1844. Table with columns for Date, Day of Month, Day of Week, Barometer, Rain, Wind, and Remarks.

LATEST DATES.

Table listing latest dates for various locations: ENGLAND, UNITED STATES, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, SYDNEY, MADRAS, BATAVIA, SINGAPORE, MANILA, CHUSAN, SHANGHAI, Foo, quow, Foo, ANOY.

THE FRIEND OF CHINA, AND HONGKONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER, 4th 1844.

NOTICE.—A Mail for England via Singapore and Bombay per clipper "Ardeser" will be closed at 5 P.M. Friday the 6th instant.

Post Office, Victoria, 2nd December, 1844.

MACAO.

We hear that some important changes will immediately take place in the regulations under which trade is conducted at this port. On the 1st of January, Macao will be declared a free port, open to the flag of all nations upon a perfect equality.

We fear that these concessions are made too late for the purpose intended, even were they not incumbered by a very serious new impost, namely, ships anchoring in the Typa, or in the harbour, will be required to pay tonnage dues of five

mao per ton. There appears to be some facility in all the commercial regulations of Spanish or Portuguese governments. They cannot see that liberality is their true policy; their views extend no further than the small revenue that can be raised directly from commerce, but to the infinitely greater indirect revenue they are blind.

We would recall to the recollection of our readers a circumstance which occurred shortly before the arrival of our present Governor. A deputation from the merchants of Chin-chew came to Hongkong, to enquire upon what terms they and their countrymen could obtain land upon which they might erect Hongs and settle among us.

In our last paper we announced the arrival of Monsieur Lagréné the French Minister Plenipotentiary with his Lady and suite. We understand that this visit has been marked

by the most kindly interchange of feeling, and that nothing could surpass the cordiality and friendship which has throughout subsisted between the French minister and the authorities of this colony.

We have taken some pains to collect authentic information as to the reception of our distinguished visitors, and we shall now briefly present our readers with the result of those inquiries.

On Thursday evening Monsieur and Madame Lagréné and a portion of the suite dined with His Excellency the Governor, in whose residence they were provided with apartments during their stay on the Island.

On Friday our hospitable and much esteemed Lieut. Governor, Major General D'Aguilar, gave a splendid entertainment.

The distinguished guest and his Lady were received at the General's door by a guard of honor, consisting of the Grenadier Company of the 98th Regiment accompanied by the band. The effect of this military display was considerably heightened by a range of torch bearers, who were drawn up in front of the house.

The Health of the King of the French, and may He live long to promote the prosperity of France and to preserve the peace of Europe.

The Toast was received by the foreign guests with extraordinary emotion.

The Health of the Queen of England was then given by the French Ambassador, prefaced by a Speech from that Gentleman, full of expressions of the highest respect and esteem for the English nation, and of his own personal and deep gratitude for the distinguished and kind manner of his reception.

The Health of Mr. Davis having been proposed by Monsieur Lagréné, the Governor replied to it in French with great fluency and success.

Madame and Monsieur Lagréné, with best acknowledgements for the honor conferred upon Hongkong by their visit, and sincere good wishes for a safe return to their native Country.

The toast that followed this was given by the Major General in honor of the French Admiral, namely,

Admiral Cecille and his Flag, and may it be always displayed in Union with our own.

This was replied to by Admiral Cecille in a Speech of great eloquence and feeling, and which displayed a spirit of the truest public as well as personal cordiality.

The party then adjourned to the Drawing-room, where several Gentlemen and Ladies of the Military and Civil community, who had been invited for the evening, had already joined Mrs. D'Aguilar and Madame Lagréné.

The entertainment closed, at a late hour, with a handsome Supper, after which the party broke up, one and all apparently much gratified and delighted with the events of the evening.

The following day the minister and his lady paid a visit to H. M. Ship Castor, where a dejeuner was prepared in Captain Graham's usual style of profuse hospitality. We are told that the frank and generous bearing of this thorough Seaman and genuine British officer, quite won the hearts of His Stranger guests, and that Capt. Graham's liberality, kindness, and good humour have since formed the theme of their discourse on shore.

The same evening Monsieur and Madame Lagréné dined with the Attorney General, by priority of engagement, whilst Admiral Cecille and a portion of the suite were entertained by the Honble Major Caine.

On Monday the Ambassador and his lady proceeded to visit Chuck-Choo in the Steamer Proserpine, and in the evening dined on board the Cleopatra with Rear Admiral Cecille, who entertained on this occasion the Governor, Lieut. Governor, and a party of other Guests from the shore.

Yesterday morning the visitors took their departure, with all the honors our limited garrison could afford. A guard of honor consisting of the Grenadier Company 98th Regiment, with the band, received the guests on their leaving Mr. Davis house, and escorted them to the Commissariat yard, where a lane was formed by portions of the 98th Regiment and 4th Madras native Infantry.

The Ambassador appeared to feel extremely these demonstrations of attention, and before leaving the wharf stepped forward and took leave of the Commanding Officers of Corps, Staff Officers, and others assembled on the occasion.

The American Brig Hannah, from Manila with a cargo of rice, was boarded by pirates near the

Bogue last Thursday afternoon. The piratical vessel is described as having all the appearance of a Mandarin boat, and was full of men. Previous to carrying the Hannah they kept up a fire from several Guns, one of some size, and as is usual, when close alongside fire balls were thrown upon deck. The pirates were much disappointed at finding their prize loaded with rice, as there is reason to believe they mistook her for a vessel having 150 chests of opium on board; in company of which she left Macao. They helped themselves to a Chronometer with a few trifling articles, and after anchoring the Brig, stood boldly up the river. We regret to hear that fears are entertained for the safety of seven of the Hannah's crew. Some of them it is supposed escaped in a boat but one or two were probably killed. The Captain and second mate secreted themselves on board, and the pilot found a refuge in the top, from whence he could see what was going on. Upon hearing of the affair Commodore Parker promptly despatched one of his Lieutenants with a party of Marines to the Bogue to demand an explanation.

This is the second case of piracy which has been committed with forty miles of Hongkong in a few weeks, and in both instances lives have been lost. Opium or treasure is the prey, which is chiefly sought, and there is no doubt that the pirates have confederates in Macao who inform them when vessels with valuables on board are about to sail.

This is really a very alarming state of affairs—and the danger will in all probability increase, unless steps are taken at once to capture these desperadoes. "What is every body's business is nobody's," and this may be the feeling of those who ought to exert themselves at present. Ships of war are too large for the service of watching the haunts of, and rooting out, the desperate characters who are placing unnamed vessels in such jeopardy. We would suggest that a few Gun-boats, or a small Steamer, be constantly employed cruising among the neighbouring islands and as far up the Canton river as the Bogue forts, always ready to pounce upon the pirates when firing is heard. But the question is, who pays the expense? We fear, that in the meantime, trading vessels will have to protect themselves, and we would advise them to have a bright look out and keep their powder dry.

The Brig was wretchedly armed, and though some attempt was made at a defence, it was perfectly hopeless.

Hydrographical remarks and positions by Captain BELCHER, H. M. Surveying-ship SAMARANG.

Cape Rivers point is rocky with a long sandy Bay, fronted by a coral ledge at low water extending to its northern angle, both these points fork from Rivers Peak, northerly a low rocky Island connected by a coral flat with the Main between which and Cape or point Rivers the coast recedes considerably. The Islets off this Cape are connected by a coral ledge nearly dry at low water—within this and the Cape is a channel with from 18 to 20 fms., the coast running back into deep retired Bays with two large villages. The two Islets off this Cape are very remarkable one being tufted with trees and perpendicular to seaward, the other about half its height, and white with the slime of sea birds, the latter I have named Slime Island; for positions see the following table.

BORNEO.—A rock nearly awash lies N. 11 E. 3 1/2 miles from Tanjong Sepang. The rock marked awash or covered at high water, to the southward of the Island of St. Pierre 2 miles, is always above water, and vessels should not at night pass nearer than 4 miles to those Islands without seeing that rock before dark, the passage between it and the Island is safe, no passage between the Islands.

The reefs off Tanjong Apee extend about 3 miles, and vessels passing would do well to keep a respectable distance. Merely making out the sandy beach from the deck. Vessels wishing to water may anchor in a very convenient berth in 6 or 8 fms., about north of the Cape which is low land capped by a small Hummock a mile inland. The best landing is just to the southward of the northern reef or between them in the first Bay, where two ponds (continually filtering) will be found; that to the southward is very pure and clear water, filtered from the other, which is much stained, with leaves and decayed vegetable matter. The Samarang watered by hoses—trees adapted for spars or plank will be found a short distance inland.

A Shoal is reported between the Acasta Rock and Victory Island.

Table with columns: PLACES, LAT. N., LONG. E., VAR. Listing locations like Panagatan, Samboangan, Solow W. Pt. Bay, Soolladie, Samarang Island, Ulang, Cape Rivers, Manado Tona, Manado Obste, Banca SW. 3rd, Meyes Island, Fo. Station, Ternate Wt. Tang, Pirato Island.

(Signed) EDWARD BELCHER, Captain.

FROM THE Peking Gazette.

Keshen—After the memorial adverted to in a former number, a far more diffuse statement of his financial difficulties in his new Government, has been forwarded to the throne. We must remark that the Chinese forces, which maintain the ascendancy of the Great Emperor, in Tibet only consist of two Regiments. By dint of policy and management, such a small number suffices to keep the country in total subjection, because the Mongul tribes and the natives themselves are obliged to keep up a considerable army and militia, which answers all the purposes of protection and police. The Chinese Mantchou establishment therefore costs a mere trifle. But the Emperor has not withstanding to send every year by the annual Caravan about 50,000—100,000 taels, which the Chinese merchants that proceed to that Country must reimburse by the sale of their teas and other articles, lest any bullion might go out of the country. During the war with England however, those supplies failed, and the military officers instead of waiting for a change of circumstances, helped themselves very freely from the public treasury, and not only emptied it, but incurred moreover a considerable debt. Keshen on examining the accounts, has discovered a very great deficit, and accused high and low as being guilty of wantonly expending the public money. In these times of difficulty, no memorial could have come so opportune, and redound so much to the honor of the parsimonious statesmen, whilst it will give at the same time a handle to fleece these unfortunate officials, who no doubt are anxious to escape heavy punishment by paying suitable fines. As for Keshen himself—a disinterested statesman, who possessed before his degradation property to an immense amount, and was subsequently made a beggar, in the literal sense of the word, by Imperial Clemency—he will hold no sinecure in Tibet, and appropriate to himself all the gold bars within his reach. No man possesses such high financial talent especially when exerted in his own behalf, and he will no doubt again make up his losses.

Much distilling of a kind of liquor resembling gin, has latterly been carried on in the Capital, without any duty being paid for the permission. On the discovery of this illicit trade, a party of soldiers was sent off to apprehend these transgressors of the revenue regulations, but instead of seizing them, each received a heavy bribe and let them escape. Trifling as this circumstance was, it came to the ears of the Emperor, who ordered a commission to sit on the culprits, and they were sentenced to receive a number of blows, according to the amount of the money they pocketed. However to profit even from so paltry an affair, the Court changed the blows into fines, and thus made these warriors double their illicit gains, in order to escape the act of the law.

When the English entered the Yangtze, the Vice-Admiral commanding at the entrance, lost not only his rank, but his posterity to the last degree was declared unfit to hold in future any situation under the Crown. Keying however has interceded for this unfortunate wight, represented the injustice of the sentence, and begged that his Son might again be admitted into favour. This proposal has been taken into consideration. Nauhking the Governor of Chile Province on finding, that several local officers could not make good their arrears, amounting to a few thousand dollars, insists upon their paying instantly, and in order to deter others from incurring similar delays, he begs that they may be transported.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.

- NOVEMBER 29—Pallas, Nealey, Calcutta.
DECEMBER 1—Tring (Sp.), Lopez, Macao.
2—Clarissa, White, Whampoa.
3—Greyhound, Hutchinson, Whampoa.
3—Pantalon, Porter, Macao.
3—Duke of Bedford, Thornhill, Whampoa.
3—Harlequin, Oliver, Chusan.
3—Mamodie, 300, Jones, Amov.

SAILED.

- NOVEMBER 29—Don Juan, Harding, Northward.
DECEMBER 2—H C. Str. Proserpine, for a cruise.
3—Possidone, Valentine, Northward.
3—H. M. F. S. Cleopatra, Rear Admiral Ceceille, Macao and Manila.
3—H. M. F. Str. Archimede, Com. Paris, Macao and Manila.

UNDER DESPATCH.

- For England, Hindostan, Aden, Castle Eden, Euphrates, John O'Gaunt, John Wickliffe, Duke of Bedford, and Dumfries.
New York, Howqua.
Sydney, Spy.
Bombay, Sir Eduard Rayan and Ardascr.
Singapore and Calcutta, Rustumjee Cowasjee, and Coquette.
Singapore and Bombay, Duilius, Whampoa, Thomas Fielding.

VESSELS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR.

- Ariel, 102, Macfarlane. Jardine Matheson & Co.
Gazelle (Am.), 115, Chase. do.
Mazeppa, 174, Fraser. do.
Harlequin, 293, Oliver. do.
Mamodie, 300, Jones. do.
Marie, 133, Drisdale. Dent & Co.
Maid of Athens, Hews. do.
Duke of Bedford, 720, Thornhill. do.
Tiger (Am.), 312, Cooke. Wetmore & Co.
Yonge Quene, 85. Fletcher, Larkins & Co.
Erin, 285, Maine. Kennedy Mc Gregor & Co.
Margarette (Brm.) do.
Eleanor Russell, 306, Jeffries. Fox Rawson & Co.
Charlotte, 540, Carter. do.
Pallas, 324, Nealey. A. A. de Mello.
Clarissa, 323, White. W. & T. Gemmill & Co.
Greyhound, 343, Hutchinson. Lindsay & Co.
Cursctjee Cowasjee, 535, Campbell, D. & M. Rustumjee.
Linnet, 100. Emery & Frazer.
Aurora, 104, Gray. J. Hudson.
Thomas Fielding, 465, Maclean Dearie & Co.
Jerk Garneth Davis. do.
Pantalon, 202, Porter. Murray & Co.
Kestrel, 325, Beauvois. Boustead & Co.
Wanderer, 400, Smith. R. J. Gilman.
Tring (Sp.), Lopez. N. Duns.

Dansberg (Dan.), Haberbier, Burd Lange & Co.
Spy, Hart. Order.
Bull. (Swede) 150, Vangrain. Order.
HER MAJESTY'S SHIPS.
Minden, Master Commanding, Wallington, Hospital and Store Ship.
H. M. S. Castor, Capt. Graham.
H. M. Str. Viven, Com. Giffard.

BRITISH SHIPPING AT WHAMPOA.
Bombay Castle, 609, Fraser. J. Matheson & Co.
Surge, 574, Burnett. do.
Solesby Castle, 1603, Lemon. do.
Malacca, 523, Shteler. do.
Dumfries, 468, Thompson. do.
Castle Eden, 888, Reade. do.
Charles Forbes, 969, Methven. do.
Hindostan, 780, Bowen. Dent & Co.
Orestes, 440, Fenwick. do.
Coromandel, 754, Cunningham. do.
Aden, 339, King. do.
Robert Pulsford, 545, Robinson. do.
Regina, Qinton. do.
Charles Grant, 1400, Wyld. Macvicar & Co.
Royal Albert, 650, Scanlan. do.
Castle Huntley, 1500, Brake. do.
Circassian, 220, Hore. Dirom & Co.
Royal Albert, 407, Balderstone. Bell & Co.
Eagle, Rapson. do.
John Wickliffe, 662, Daly. Turner & Co.
John O'Gaunt, 489, Robinson. do.
Penang, 369, Hawkins. Lindsay & Co.
Forfarshire, 615, Symons. do.
Pampéro, 268, Roberts. do.
Shepherdess, 295, Poole. Fletcher Larkins & Co.
Visc. Sandon, Lancaster. Gibb Livingston & Co.
Chatham, 354, Gifford. Jamieson How & Co.
Euphrates, 630, Wilson. do.
Earl Clave, 910. Boustead & Co.
Black Dog, 140, Barret. S. Rustomjee, John Laird, 276. St. Croix.
Lysander, 475, Sangster. W. & T. Gemmill & Co.
Lady, 316, Marshall. do.
Sappho, 446, Dunlop. Russell & Co.
Hersey, Easterby. Anderson & Co.
Duilius, 328, Underhill. Wetmore & Co.
Sidney, 184, Scholefield, C. S. Compton.
Pathfinder, Burton. Order.
Monarch, Robertson. Order.

BRITISH VESSELS AT MACAO.
Little Catherine, Rigby. Jardine Matheson & Co.
Jovin Corina, Dring. D. & M. Rustomjee.
Mermaid, Gill. A. A. de Mello.
Isabella Robertson, 350, Kelly. J. Hudson.
Pryde, 202, Monkhouse. A. Lataellade.
Ruparrell, 318, Dean. A. D. Furdumjee.
Planicus, Rotgans. R. J. Gilman.
Rustumjee Cowasjee, Hill. Rustumjee.

AMERICAN AT WHAMPOA AND MACAO.
U.S.F. Brandywine, Commodore Parker.
Pioneer, Clark. Russell & Co.
Natchez, 560, Waterman. do.
Howqua, Palmer. do.
Rouble, Practor. do.
Sarah Abigail, 210, Sherman. do.
Eagle, 323, Prescott. do.
Glide, Waterman. do.
Coquette, 457, Eldredge. do.
Montauk, McMichaels. Wetmore & Co.
Carolina, Brown. do.
Aldebaran, Webb. do.
Mary Ellen, Dearborn. A. Heard & Co.
Cincinnati, Wilson. W. Buckler.
Avalanche, 396, Murray. J. A. Lewis.
Grafton, Gardiner. J. M. Bull.
Ronalson, Drew. Olyphant & Co.
Heber, Porter. do.

DIED.

At Macao on the 24th November, last of Fever, John Wilson, Esq., Youngest son of William Wilson, Esq., Whitwell, Yorkize, deeply regretted by all who knew him.

FOR MADRAS.

THE BARQUE "GREYHOUND," now at Whampoa, will be dispatched from Hongkong on or about Sunday the 1st proximo. For freight or passage apply on board to Captain Hutchinson, or to LINDSAY & Co. Victoria, 26th November, 1844.

ON SALE.

NEW Bengall Rice in two maund bags, Bengall bottled Beer in six dozen cases, Ghes in two maund casks, all just landed. Apply to N. DUNN. Victoria, 3d Dec., 1844. 18 Queen's Road.

PUBLIC ACUTION.

H. W. FRANKLYN will submit to Sale on Saturday the 7th inst. at 11 A. M. the following—At Chinams House. Damaged grey Shirtings.

To close a consignment, Saddles, Stores of sizes Boats, Glass ware, Hams, Congreve matches, Jams and Jellys, Pickles sauces, fine French Olives, Buisquit, Lisbon and Sherry wine of superior quality in bottle. Also Deal Planks, of 3 inches Pannel doors Chairs and Tables, and other articles. Terms of Sale—All payments in Spanish dollars, Mex. 5 p. c. discount, Rupees 228, 100 Mex. Victoria, 3rd Dec., 1844.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

McEWEN & Co. will Sell by Auction, at their Sale-room Queen's Road, on Thursday, the 5th instant, the undermentioned goods. Gin, Liqueur, and Spirits of wine in Demijons, Beer and Porter in bottle, Long Cloths, Fowling pieces Muskets, a quantity of English brown Soap, with a variety of other articles. At the same time (to close a consignment) a quantity of Pickles, Sauces, Vinegar, Anchovy and Herring Paste, Stouffer's Elixer, Sarsaparilla mead, Seidlitz's Bowder's Dissolvy Cordial &c. &c. Also, a fine Pony thoroughly broken in to the Saddle and free of vice. The sale to commence at eleven O'clock. Terms.—Goods payable before delivery, and all parties to remove their lots before twelve O'clock the following day. Victoria, December 3rd, 1844.

MR. A. R. JONES is employed as clerk in this office, and will collect outstanding accounts. Office Friend of China, 3rd December, 1844.

JUST LANDED.—A quantity of Allsops Pale Ale in bottle, and superior London bottled Sherry, for Sale by EDWARD NEWMAN, Victoria, 4th Dec., 1844.

MR EDWARD NEWMAN will Sell by Auction at his sale-rooms This Day, Bar Iron, damaged Nail rod Iron for the benefit of the concerned. Also, A superior assortment of Cutlery and other Goods. Victoria, 4th Dec., 1844.

C. MARKWICK will sell by Public Auction this Day, the 4th inst. at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Auction Godown No. 3, Chinam's Hong, on account of the concerned. A quantity of Cotton Yarn, Grey and white Shirtings, more or less damaged by sea water, and Sundry other Articles. Terms of Sale.—Cash in Dollar [Rupees taken at 227 to the 100 Mexican Dollars] and all Lots to be cleared 4 o'clock P. M. the same day.

A CARD.

DR. B. KENNY, and DR. R. WILSON, beg leave to intimate to the Commanders of ships proceeding to Whampoa, that they have associated themselves in connexion as Medical and Surgical practitioners at that anchorage. China Vessel, moored at the entrance of Bombay Creek in Blenheim Reach. July 1st, 1844.

NOTICE TO SHIPS BOUND TO ENGLAND. TENDERS will be received by me on board H. M. Ship Castor until the 7th of December inclusive, for conveying 3 military Officers and about 150 Invalids to England. The Officers will require cabins and the men a space of 6 feet by 4 each, and the Ship must be properly ventilated. They will be ready to embark on or about the 16th of December. Provisions will be furnished by Government, also water and extra casks if required. Further particulars may be known by applying on board the Castor between the hours of 9 and 11 o'clock A. M. C. GRAHAM, Captain, Senior Officer.

H. M. ship Castor, Hongkong, November, 25th, 1844.

FOR SALE.

WHITE Rice, Java Coffee, Ghee, Cocoa Nut Oil, Sheathing Copper, and Cherry Cordial. Apply to BURD LANGE & Co. No. 1, Wellington Terrace. Victoria, November 23d, 1844.

ON SALE.

50 Boxes, best transparent Sperm Candles, 26 doz. Burgundy wine, 70 Jars Dutch Boiled Paint Oil. A few Kegs Superior fresh Dutch Butter in 12lb. kegs. Apply on board the American ship Tiger direct from Rotterdam.

CLERK WANTED.—A respectable young man of good address as in and out door Clerk Board, lodging and medical attendance provided: One who has an interest amongst the shipping would be preferred, and none need answer this advertisement who are not of active business habits, and good references are indispensable. Apply by letter, stating the Salary required to A. M. Z., care of the Editor.

WANTED as an Assistant in a Mercantile establishment, a Gentleman thoroughly conversant with books and accounts, and capable of taking charge of a correspondence. A local knowledge of the manner of transacting business in China would be an acquisition. Sealed letters addressed, Commerce, care of the Editor of this paper will receive due attention. Victoria, 18th Nov., 1844.

EDUCATION.—Young Ladies are received as Resident Boarders by the Misses Norgate at their residence. No. 3 Tavistock Villa Tavestock Square London. Board including Music, Dancing and French by a Resident Lady; Fifty Pounds per annum. Professors of eminence attend the Establishment to instruct in the various accomplishments necessary to complete the education of a young lady when she has reached the age of ten years. An extra charge of 8 guineas for remaining the vacation.

TO LET, OR FOR SALE.

A Neat convenient Bungalow, well situated in the valley S.W. of the Honorable Major Caine's Residence. For particulars apply to Mr. Spring at the Post Office. Victoria, 19th November, 1844.

NOTICE.—To Private Families and others. The Undersigned begs to inform the Public that he is now Selling off in Chinams Buildings, next door to Lopes's Auction Room, Waterloo Hotel, a well Selected assortment of English China Ware, consisting of a variety of fancy Patterns and Shapes of Tea, and Coffee sets, also a variety of Tea and Coffee Cups and Saucers, Fruit, Dessert Services, Plate, &c., &c., by the dozen, together with several other Articles of China and Lustre Ware. Patterns may be seen daily, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

WATERLOO HOTEL.

Victoria, 29th Nov., 1844. TO be sold by the undersigned on Wednesday 4th Dec., at 11 o'clock at the Stores of N. Bouille, a Billiard Table complete, sets of Chamber utensils, Tea cups, Glass Ware consisting of Tumblers; Wine Glasses &c., door Handles, locks and fastenings; Port and Sherry wine; Fowling pieces and Pistols, Grindstone Gentleman Socks and Ladies Stockings, materials for repairing, Guns &c., Various other Articles. P. TOWNSEND, Auctioneer. Victoria, 29th Nov., 1844.

SHEATING COPPER AND NAILS, just arrived, for sale at the stores of P. TOWNSEND. Victoria, 17th September, 1844.

LOTTERY.

- OF a beautiful and sweet-toned Davrainville's Self-performing Organ, fitted in a handsome French polished case, having a escritorio and drawer on the top, with a marble slab; and has thirteen Barrels, playing the following admired tunes:
No. 1.—1 Overture de l'Opera d'Orlo Rossini.
2 Cavatine de l'Opera de la Dame de Lac ditto.
No. 2.—1 Overture du Mariage de Figaro Mozart. ditto.
2 Air: Voi che Sapete ditto.
No. 3.—1 Overture du Siege de Corinthe, Opera Rossini. ditto.
2 Air du même Opera ditto.
No. 4.—1 Overture de l'Opera de la Dame Blanche Boildieu ditto.
2 Choeur d'Avant du même Opera ditto.
No. 5.—1 March et Duo de l'Opera de Moise Rossini. ditto.
2 Autre Duo du même Opera ditto.
No. 6.—1 Grand Air de Figaro de l'Opera du Barber de Seville Russini.
2 Duo de l'Opera de la Dame Blanche Boildieu.
3 Duo du Barber de Seville Rossini.
No. 7.—1 Overture de la Gazza Ladra Rossini. ditto.
2 Cavatine du même Opera ditto.
No. 8.—1 Overture de Plutienne a Alger Rossini.
2 La Trompette Guerriere de l'Opera Robert-le-Diable Meyerbeer.
No. 9.—1 Overture de Trancedi Rossini.
2 Di Tanti Palpiti, Cavatine du même Opera ditto.
No. 10.—1 Overture de Fra Diavolo Auber.
2 Celeste Poredonce du Comte Ory Rossini. ditto.
3 Que les Destins Prospere, idem ditto.
No. 11.—1 Overture du Calife de Bagdad Boildieu.
2 Pensa alla Patria Rossini.
3 Overture de Robert-le-Diable Meyerbeer.
No. 12.—1 Contredance
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4 Valse
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No. 13.—1 La Marseillaise
2 Air du Fra Diavolo Auber.
3 Le Gondolier Fidele, idem Rossini.
4 La Priere de Moise ditto.
5 Rondo de la Mige ditto.
6 Ca Ira

Valued Spanish Dollars Twelve Hundred, and divided into sixty Chances, at Twenty dollars each. The sixty Chances are divided into ten braces—first: Nos. 1, 2, 4, 9; second: Nos. 11 a 20; third; 21 a 30; fourth: 31 a 40, and so on to 60. Any Subscriber of the first, second, or other braces, winning the Prize, will have to pay twenty dollars for each number, to the other Subscribers in the same brace. Parties in Canton or Hongkong desiring to become Subscribers will please to send to the undersigned their names, with reference for payment, and will at the same time appoint a person, (whose name must be given to the undersigned), to attend the Drawing, which will take place at Captain Perceval's Hotel so soon as the Scheme is filled. The Organ may be inspected at Mr. Just's premises. JNO: SMITH. Macao, 20th November, 1844.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has taken a godown adjoining the Store of C. W. Bowra Esq., where he will in future carry on his business. EDWARD NEWMAN, Auctioneer.

WANTED.—A person who thoroughly understands the manufactory and repairing of Guns, Pistols &c. Apply to N. BOULLE, Victoria, 28th Nov., 1844 Queen's Road.

JUST IMPORTED the undermentioned Goods of the first quality, and for Sale at the Store of the undersigned, Cutlery, Buffalo, Pearl and Ivory-handle Penknives, Sets of Ivory-handle Table Knives and Forks, Sets of Desert Ditto, Carvers, Razors in Cases, and a variety of Oilman's Stores, Hams in Tins, Yarmouth Herrings, &c., &c. C. W. BOWRA. Queen's Road, October 15.

ADVERTISEMENT.

JUST received ex "Sappho" an assortment of Cut and Plain Glass, consisting of Decanters, Water Crofts, Tumblers, Wine, Liqueur and finger Glasses, Water Jugs, Cream Ewers, Sugar Bowls, Dishes, plates &c. &c. Also a quantity of Woollen Drugget for floor Cloths in a great variety of patterns. at PHILLIPS MOORE & Co. Victoria, 6th November, 1844.

NOTICE.

McEWEN & Co., have just received ex "John O'Gaunt," a choice collection of the under-mentioned goods, viz:— Superior Parlour and Drawing Room Solar Lamps, Cambridge Reading do., Suspending Solar Globe do., Chandeliers, Three Branched Candelsticks, Plated, and Bronzed, An elegant assortment of Clocks, fifteen day's movement, striking, hours and half hours, Double and single Barreled-Pistols of every description by first rate makers; Felt, and drab Hats, Stationery consisting of Overland and other paper, Patent bound account Books of various sizes, Letter Clips, Ritchie's patent Copying Machines, with copying paper, Books &c complete, Dinner, and Dessert Services, A few Silk Umbrellas, and patent Boots, Superior English Butter, and Cheese, York Hams, and a Batch of very fine Cognac. Victoria, 4th November, 1844.

WINES FOR SALE.

McEWEN & Co., beg to announce that they have on Sale a quantity of superior Port and Sherry, the property of a gentleman leaving the colony. The wines are in excellent condition and may be had on moderate terms, by early application. Victoria, 25th October, 1844.

NOTICE.

McEWEN & Co. have just received (from the celebrated Joux Strutt of London) the following choice assortment of Boots & Shoes viz:— Calskin Wellington boots with spur socket heels, Clarence lace ancle boots with spur sockets, Vamp ancle shooting boots to button at the heel, Double sole walking shoes, Light walking shoes, Ja pans dress pumps &c. &c. Victoria, 13th November, 1844.

THE Undersigned have on Sale a few Kegs of Neat's tongues, Salmon in kegs, Pickled Hermy's in do. a fresh supply of oat meal in tins of 14 lbs, each, and small invoice of English loaf Sugar. MoEWEN & Co. Victoria, 18th November, 1844.

PUBLIC SALE OF SURPLUS STORES. NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. Markwick Auctioneer, will Sell by Public Auction at the Commissariat Magazines, on Friday the sixth of December, at 10 o'clock, a quantity of Surplus Stores, consisting of Coal, Biscuit Salted Beef, Arrack and Vinegar and also a quantity of Empty Packages.

TERMS OF SALE. Cash before the Goods are delivered a deposit of 10 per cent to be paid at the time of Purchase and the Balance paid and Lots cleared before 2 o'clock the following Day, or the deposit forfeited and the Goods Sold at the Purchasers Expenses and risk.

FOR SALE. Wardell & Co's, superior Old Port per doz. \$9.00 do. do. do. 8.00 do. do. Sherry do. 9.00 do. do. do. 8.00 London Ale & Porter Bass's do. 2.50 Apply to W. H. FRANKLYN, Chinam's House, Victoria, 11th November, 1844.

WHAMPOA HOSPITAL. FOR the greater convenience of Vessels lying in the Whampoa and Blenheim reaches, the Hospital Vessel is moored off the Bombay Creek. M. O'SULLIVAN, Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, London AND E. K. KANE, M.D. Graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Resident Surgeons. Whampoa, 3rd February, 1844.

PROFESSOR FIEBIG of Göttingen, recently arrived in China, and should any encouragement offer, he will settle in Hongkong, giving instructions in Music, Drawing and the modern languages.

Mr. Fiebig's expectations of success are confined to earning a respectable livelihood, and at the same time having an opportunity of studying the language of China, which is his chief object in visiting the east.

Communication addressed to Mr. Fiebig, and left at the office of this paper will be attended to. Victoria, 30th October, 1844.

MESSRS EMERY & FRAZER, inform the public that they are now ready to attend to the repair of Vessels and will furnish at their yard all the Materials necessary for that purpose. They offer for sale.

White Pine Lower masts from 16 to 22 in, Pitch pine topmasts all sizes, Pitch pine Bowsprits 24 in. and under, Yards of all sizes, White and pitch pine and oak plank from 2 to 5 in., White pine inch boards, Hard pine flooring boards, Oak knees for boats and ship, Pitch, Tar, Rosin, Oakum, Spikes and Nails, Grindstones, Oars.

Iron work of all kinds made and repaired by experienced workmen. All orders left with C. W. Bowra, Esq. Victoria or Wm. P. Pierce, Esq. Macao, executed with dispatch. Victoria, August 2nd, 1844.

J. EDWARDS, Pastry Cook and Confectioner, No. 1, New China Street, Corner of Magistracy Street, begs to inform the gentry and inhabitants of Hongkong, that he has commenced in the above line, and hopes by strict attention to business, to merit a share of their patronage and support.

N.B.—A constant supply of Haberdashery, Perfumery, and Oilman's Stores on hand. Victoria, October 15, 1844.

SHIP BREAD AND BAKING ESTABLISHMENT.

Mc Murray Brimelow & Co. beg leave to inform the Captains of Vessels trading to China that they have commenced business as Bakers of Ships Bread &c., in Victoria Hongkong, and are making arrangements for carrying on that branch of business in a vessel to be moored in Whampoa Reach. In the meantime they are enabled to supply Ship biscuit of the best quality on application at the premises of Mr. McMurray Queen's Road Victoria, and any orders with which they may be favored, the parties may rest assured will be attended to faithfully, and with dispatch. Victoria, 4th Nov., 1844.

LONDON MONTHLY MAIL. ANNUAL Subscriptions received at this Office A few extra copies, by each overland, for sale. Office FRIEND OF CHINA, 23rd August, 1844.

MR. JOHN SMITH, of Macao, will receive advertisements and subscriptions for the Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette; he is also authorised to collect outstanding accounts due by the Macao subscribers. In future Mr. Smith will have a few extra numbers of each paper for sale. Price to subscribers 25 cents each, non-subscribers 1 rupee. Victoria, 8th June, 1844.

AGENTS for the "Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette": BATAVIA—Moorman and Co. CALCUTTA—Hyde, Gardner & Co. BOMBAY—J. W. Bell, Esq. MACAO—John Smith, Esq. The "Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette" is published every Wednesday and Saturday. Subscription—\$12, per annum payable in advance.

Some months ago, when the Indian papers, were riving the charge upon certain charges brought forward by Baboo Muttyloll Seal, against the respectable firm of Potter & Co. of Calcutta, we predicted that the charges would soon be proved false. The following documents are very conclusive on this point, and affords us another proof of the danger of placing the control of public papers in the hands of men, who from improper motives, may endeavour to injure their neighbours.

POTTER & Co. and MUTTYLOLL SEAL.—Potter, Brothers, as Agents for Potter & Co. of Calcutta, presents to those interested in this affair the following documents and remarks: Copy of a letter from Potter & Co. to Messrs. Garnett and Horsfall, Clitheroe, dated Calcutta, 14th May, 1844. Dear Sirs.—We have been called upon by Baboo Muttyloll Seal to give up the price we obtained for your copper per "Enterprise" and we immediately replied, that we did not feel ourselves at liberty to do so. We naturally referred to the sale in question, and are very sorry to find that it has been erroneously rendered at Sicca rupees 34 0 6, instead of Sicca rupees 33 0 6, at which latter price it was sold.

On reference to our letter of 7th June, 1843, wherein we state that the copper had fallen materially from Sicca rupees 34 2 0, you will see at once that we could hardly have obtained Sicca rupees 34 0 6 in July; and though Sicca rupees 34 0 6 is mentioned in our advices of the 6th of that month, it is simply copied from the account—sales erroneously made out. In our own price current of July you will find the copper quoted at Sicca rupees 33 4 0. We now enclose a corrected account sales, and trust you will credit us with the difference. The amount is trifling, but we fear it may lead to some unpleasantness; and we have to request that you will permit us to refer to our correspondence with you to show in Calcutta how palpable the mistake is. We are now just closing our books for the commercial year, and our "sales account" shows a discrepancy which would point to this mistake.—We remain your faithful servants, POTTER & Co.

Letter from Messrs. Garnett and Horsfall to Potter & Co., Calcutta, dated Clitheroe, 23rd July, 1844.

Gentlemen.—By the last overland mail we received your letter of 14th May, giving us an account of an error in the sale of some copper belonging to us, per "Enterprise." We have credited your account with rupees 146 9 9, amount of the error. By the same overland mail printed circulars have been sent to England, in which you are charged by Muttyloll Seal with selling your constituents' goods at one price, and rendering account sales at another, and adding that this had been done to ourselves and some other parties. If this charge applies to nothing more, than the error in the sale of our copper per "Enterprise," we consider it our duty to assure you that we look upon it as a mere clerical error and to assure you that it has neither weakened our confidence in your honour or integrity; and we give you full liberty to make such use of this letter as you may think most advisable.—We are yours very respectfully, GARNETT & HORSFALLS.

P. S. You are at liberty to show the accounts and correspondence with us on the subjects of this error, per "Enterprise," to any party who may desire to inquire into the matter.

Letter from Potter & Co. to John Leech, Esq. Stalybridge, dated Calcutta, 14th May, 1844.

Dear Sir,—We have been called upon by Baboo Muttyloll Seal to give up the prices we got for your grey shirtings, per "Gentoo" and "Meg of Meldon." The "Gentoo's" shipment was the second you made to us. Your first shipment, P. 478 to 497, per "Bland," we sold at Co's rupees 5 14; and we mentioned that we could have got a little more if you had marked the bales with your usual mark. Our banyans or stock brokers might have sold the "Gentoo's" to arrive at rupees 5 15, which we were anxious to do, seeing a probability of a falling market. They secured to us this price, but missed the opportunity of sale. The goods, after this delay, were actually sold at rupees 5 13; and at foot of the agreement is written 2 annas allowance from our banyans, making 5 15, at which price we rendered account sales to arrive, mentioning in our letter that the price had fallen to rupees 5 13; to avoid any unpleasantness. The "Meg of Meldon's" shipment was sold in the ordinary way at rupees 5 12, as rendered. In some instances, our banyans have taken small portions of your shipments to their own account, to enable us to render account sales; and thus have lost or gained a trifle, say 6 pias or 4d. per piece, one way or other, as our books will show.

As to Baboo Muttyloll Seal's request, we immediately answered that we did not feel ourselves at liberty to comply with it, nor should we do so without your authority. He is reported to be a man of property, and has hitherto been banyan for many houses in Calcutta; but we know that several have lately discharged him. It is hardly likely that he would be willing to make the little concessions which our banyans occasionally do, who are promoted entirely through their own merits, and are banyans for us only.

It perhaps would have been as well if we had mentioned the circumstances under which the "Gentoo's" shipment was sold; but our mentioning the market price at the time clearly shows, that we had no intention of injuring our neighbours. Our main desire has been to do our best for you. We have no little in common with the natives around us, that we cannot do without a banyan or native broker, who is security to us for the dealers in the bazaars; and it is the custom for the native buyers to allow the banyan 2 per cent. brokerage or "Dustoorie," and which brokerage was given up by our banyans to make up the difference in price arising from their delay in selling your shipment per "Gentoo."—We are your faithfully, POTTER & Co.

Potter & Co.

By last overland mail I received your letter of 14th May, explaining the circumstances under which you sold my shirtings, ex "Gentoo" and "Meg of Meldon." By the same overland mail I received a printed circular, in which you are charged by Muttyloll Seal with selling your constituents' goods at one price, and rendering account sales at another. I have only to say, I am quite satisfied with your explanation of sales of the goods referred to; and also assure you, that my confidence in your having always rendered my sales fairly and accurately as made, remains unaltered. Saturday, 3rd August, 1844. JOHN LEECH.

Letter from Potter & Co. to Messrs. John Paley & Co., Preston dated Calcutta, 14th May, 1844.

Dear Sir,—We have been called upon by Baboo Muttyloll Seal to state the price at which we sold your Turkey red cloth per "Meg of Meldon," and we replied that we did not feel ourselves at liberty to do so, nor will we until we have your authority; but we are prepared to prove to any one whom you may appoint, that they were sold, and paid for at the rate at which we rendered account sales. We are your faithful servants, POTTER & Co. Preston, August 5th, 1844.

Messrs. Potter & Co. Calcutta.

Dear Sirs,—In answer to your valued favour of the 14th May, much as we regret your unpleasantness with the great Banyan Muttyloll Seal, it will not have the effect of injuring you in our estimation, but the reverse. We most willingly leave to yourselves to proceed in any business matters belonging to us as you deem most desirable, and we remain, dear sirs, yours very truly,

JOHN PALEY & Co.

Letter from Potter & Co. to Potter, Brothers, Manchester, dated Calcutta, 10th June, 1844.

Dear Sirs.—With reference to the circular issued by Baboo Muttyloll Seal which we forwarded to you per "Hindustan" steamer, we thought it right to issue the following amongst the English houses in Calcutta:—

"Gentlemen.—We decline taking any notice whatever to Baboo Muttyloll Seal or the circular he has thought proper to issue. We shall avail ourselves of the earliest opportunity of obtaining permission from the parties concerned, to enter into a full explanation, with [if we are allowed] we shall be ready to give to any English merchant or agent of respectability, who may be interested in this matter.—We are, gentlemen, your most obedient servants, "POTTER & Co."

As we have occasionally rendered account sales which, under peculiar circumstances, have slightly differed from the prices actually obtained, we cannot literally deny the charge brought against us by Baboo Muttyloll Seal; but we declare we have done nothing calculated to injure our neighbours or to defraud any one.

In one of our letters to our constituents, of 19th January, 1844, we wrote to the effect, "that to move off different kinds of goods we were obliged to make averages." Mr. John Leech, too, is acquainted with the peculiar circumstances under which his second sale was made.

In order to render account sales of any particular invoice, we have sometimes taken a few odd cases or bales to our own account, at the full market price of the day, running a risk or rise or fall, by which we have sometimes made a trifle, or lost a trifle. And once or twice we have been obliged to deduct, from an absolute sale price, small losses we have sustained by non-fulfilment of contract for former shipments, allowances for out pieces slight damages, &c. All these discrepancies, since we commenced business, are as follow:—

Total Debit - Rupees 710 8 7 Credit - " 639 0 7

Balance, a loss of - Rupees 71 8 0 On a business of two years, of which full detail is given at foot. A portion of the above losses have been made up to us by our banyan.

We have sometimes, in order to move off goods, been obliged to accept an offer from one dealer for a lot of goods partly belonging to one constituent and partly to another, at rates below the market value for one, and above for another, the dealer refusing to take the one without the other; when this has been the case, we have thought it right to give the fair market price to each. If we cannot have these facilities, it would be difficult, in a large business like ours, to obtain full average prices for each lot of goods that comes to our consignment; and we fully believe, that most, if not all, of our neighbours doing a similar business to ourselves act in a similar manner.

We cannot tell how Baboo Muttyloll Seal has obtained his information of our affairs (besides that he may have obtained from England), unless he has done so through secretly bribing one of our native clerks; a deed that none but a second-rate would resort to. (We are endeavouring to trace this matter.) It is well known to whom the "Englishman" newspaper, the only one which has given publicity to the whole matter, is chiefly indebted. And we firmly believe, that the whole charge is brought against us by Baboo Muttyloll Seal, out of spite, because we and our young Baboos have beaten him in sales. We have frequently made inquiries from the native dealers, as to the rate of dustoorie, or brokerage, they pay to the different banyans on the sale of manufactures; and whilst most of the banyans get the usual allowance from the purchasers of two per cent, some occasionally exact three per cent, which of course tells against their sales.

We have treated the whole matter hitherto with contempt; but, if it be possible there should be any amongst our supporters who think differently, and should they desire an explanation, let them appoint any respectable parties to examine our books, when we will lay them open to such inspection, and explain each particular case.—We are yours very truly,

POTTER & Co. Potter, Brothers, are told, that one of Potter & Co.'s native clerks has been bribed to furnish particulars from P. & Co.'s books; and it is for those well acquainted with Calcutta to estimate how far it is possible such a clerk may also have been bribed to falsify account sales, or to be silent to his principals when knowing of a clerical error by them overlooked.

Manchester, 6th August, 1844.

Messrs. Potter & Co Calcutta.

Gentlemen—Your agents, Messrs. Potter, Brothers, Liverpool and Manchester, and Mr. Thomas H. Potter, London, having read to us the foregoing letters, and laid before us all particulars and details relative to this affair, we consider it our duty to you to assure you, that we are perfectly satisfied with the strict integrity, fair dealing, and accuracy, with which you have always conducted the business we have entrusted to you; and we further assure you, that these accusations have not in any way altered our full confidence in your honour and integrity, or your fair dealing towards your competitors.—Giving you free liberty to publish this testimony thereof, we are, very truly yours, GARNETT & HORSFALLS, Clitheroe, John Leech, Stalybridge, John Paley & Co; Preston, Thos. Cooke, Manchester, Thomas Ashton and Sons, Hyde, John Dugdale and Brothers, Fort, Brothers, & Co., Adam Corrie and Son, M. Albrecht, Thos. Broadbent & Co, Saml. and Thos. Ashton, W. and R. Turner, Henry R. Hoskins, Liverpool, Charles Hemery, Liverpool, Bailey, Brothers, & Co, Liverpool, Jas. Stitt, Son, & Co, Liverpool, Williams, Foster, & Co, Liverpool, Sykes, Schawbe, & Co, Liverpool, King, Brothers, Liverpool.

This signature refers to their first consignments, now on the way.

Potter, Brothers have only further to state, that all particulars and original letters there referred to are open to the inspection of such parties as may choose to call at their offices, 3, Lloyd-street, Manchester; Cotton Court, Dale-street Liverpool; Thos. H. Potter, 17, East India Chambers, Leadenhall Street, London.

Potter & Co. of Calcutta, will be desired to circulate immediately on mail's arrival a note to similar effect Manchester, 6th August, 1844.

RUSSIAN TRADE WITH CHINA. The more considerable articles of this export-trade are:—

- 1. The woollen cloths of Mézeresky. 2. Id. Id. of Maslovia. 3. Ladies' cloths. 4. Half woollens, style of the Levant. 5. Valvetens. 6. Tableteens, or half velvets. 7. Calicoes, bleached. 8. Furs for the North of China. 9. Merchandize, comprised under the denomination of articles diverse.

The woollen cloths of Mézeresky are despatched in assortments of 100 pieces, thus composed:—

| Pieces. | Pieces. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Of blue..... 49 | Green..... 3 |
| Light or sky blue... 10 | Yellow..... 1 |
| Pomegranate red... 8 | Violet..... 2 |
| Violet brown..... 4 | Fashions (of the day) 2 |
| Scarlet..... 10 | Black black..... 20 |

These are packed in 10 bales assorted as much as possible. These cloths are sold at Moscow, according to the manufacture, at from 150 to 165 rubles assignation, the piece of 28 arshines. The arshine, be it observed, is equal to 28 inches English; 16 vershocks make 1 arshine; the silver ruble par value is equal to 37½ sterling, and 3½ rubles assignation, or kank paper money, are equal to 1 silver ruble.

Of the Malsovia cloths the same colours and shades as of the Mézeresky, but of better quality. Length of the piece from 40 to 45 arshines. Breadth betwixt the listings, 2 ars inea, 6 vershocks. They are despatched in bales of 8 pieces, assorted. The prices at Moscow from 7 to 7½ ruble assignation the arshine. Proportions upon 10,000 pieces—7,500 to 8,000 of Mézeresky, 2,500 or 2,000 of Malsovia.

Of ladies' cloths the same colours as the preceding. Length of the piece, 25 to 35 arshines. Breadth between the lists, two arshines. Prices at Moscow from 3½ to 4½ rubles assignation per arshine.

For assortment of 100 pieces of Levant cloths:—

| Pieces. | Pieces. |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Black blue... 40 | Dark blue... 25 |
| Light blue... 10 | Scarlet... 8 |
| Pomegranate red. 6 | Violet... 4 |
| Violet brown... 2 | Yellow... 1 |
| Fashions... 4 | |

of 30 arshines each. The same shades as the cloths of Mézeresky. Breadth between the lists 2 arshines. Prices at Moscow from 7 to 8 rubles assignation per arshine.

All these cloths are manufactured at Moscow, from whence have been annually despatched for Kiakhta and China since 1839:—

65,000 to 78,000 pieces of Mézeresky. 15,000 id Maslovia 5,000 Ladies' cloths. 5,000 Levant cloths.

These cloths when made up have sumptuous facings of number, name, &c. They are each carefully folded in white calico, gummed and lustrous. The quality equal and the packing carefully attended to.

Of velvetens three sorts are generally sent to China. No. 1 in pieces of 50 arshines, of which the price at Moscow is 1 ruble 75 copecs assignation. No. 2, Not so broad. Price of the arshine at Moscow 1 ruble 40 copecs assignation. No. 3, 18 vershocks width between the selvages but same quality as No. 1. The prices of this broadest velvet at Moscow range from 2.85 to 3 rubles assignation. Upon 10,000 pieces of velveteen:—

Of No. 1, 7,000 pieces of black and 300 colours. 2, 1,500 id. --- --- 300 id. 3, 1,000

The colours to be of the same shades as the woollen cloths.

The price of the tableteens, 50 arshines length per piece, runs from 2.25 to 2 rubles 50 copecs assignation per arshine at Moscow. Upon a parcel of 1,000 pieces, 850 black, and 150 of colours assorted like the woollen cloths; Velveteens and tableteens of colours sell for 35 to 50 copecs assignation per arshine more than black.

There have been manufactured in Russia, and exported for China, since 1839, five millions of arshines of these velvets, of which 500,000 arshines only of tableteens.

The bleached calicoes intended for despatch to China are of various qualities, or sorts, and prices. The price for those of 37½ arshines in length, 1 broad, and weighing 6 to 7 lbs., is from 18 to 20 rubles assignation per piece at Moscow. Breadth 1½ arshine, weighing 8 to 9 lbs., the price 22 to 24 rubles. Breadth 1¼ arshine, weighing 9 to 10 lbs., price 24 to 26 rubles assignation. Lighter calicoes are also despatching, weighing 5 to 5½ lbs., costing at Moscow 15 to 18 rubles assignation per piece. These different calicoes are made from yarn No. 36 English for warp, and Nos. 42 to 44 for weft. Or with Nos. 32 to 34 warp, and 48 to 40 weft. The first sort are folded like Dutch or Belgian linen cloths. The others made up flat.

The furs which find their way from Russian to China are chiefly young white sheepskins, for black cat, lynx cat, lambs, called grey and black Astrakan, seal skins, &c.; the latter in largest quantity. The Russians expedite also to China divers articles of cutlery, common fire-arms, corals in small grains, mirror glass, and watches.

Such is the shape in which the trading transactions of Russia with China are carried on yearly at Kiakhta, at the two great commercial gathering in February and March. From Kiakhta the Russian merchandise is transported to the great affair of Kalgan in China, by the Chinese merchants.

Since 1839 an average of 125,000 or 130,000 chests of tea have been annually exchanged against Russian wares to the value of twenty-eight or thirty millions rubles assignation. The price per quality of tea does not vary with the Chinese; but the Russian merchants give a larger or smaller quantity of merchandise, according to the greater or less demand for tea in Russia, or the more or less abundance of the tea-crop in China.

Before 1839 the quantity of tea exchanged at Kiakhta, against Russian merchandise scarcely exceeded 50,000 chests, As before said, it has now reached to 130,000 chests.

The value of the wares to be exchanged against it is fixed at Kiakhta. A commission of six members, chosen among the Russian merchants, and presided over by the Custom-house director, treats for Russian merchandise. Another commission, of an equal number of members, taken among the Chinese, and presided over by their governor, treats for Chinese merchandise. These two commissions discuss the prices, which, once determined, become law for the merchants of the two nations.

From Moscow to Kiakhta the cost of carriage amounts to twenty-five rubles assignation the pond (40lbs. English about.) From Nijni Novgorod to Kiakhta the cost is fourteen to sixteen rubles assignation per pond.

* There is an error here, the assortment amounts to 109 pieces—Blue must be 40 not 49 pieces—Editor P. of C.

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